



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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PRODUCING A NONWOVEN FOR
THE FILTER ROD PRODUCTION

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2006, a Request for Continued Examination and the following reply are submitted:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.